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Ag Component of WTO Bilateral Agreement Officially Adopted

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Report Highlights:

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Resume

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Unofficial Translation of the Resolution

Begin Translation:

Order on Agricultural Biotechnology

Order dated November 14, 2006 No. 1559-P "About the Conclusion of an Agreement Between the Government of the Russian Federation with Government of the United States Regarding Agricultural Biotechnology."

In conformity with paragraph 1 of Article 11 of the federal law "International Agreements of the Russian Federation" by the present we accept an offer by the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade, coordinated with Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Agriculture, preliminarily coordinated with the American government, about a conclusion by way of exchange of letters, an agreement between Russian government and the U.S. government on agricultural biotechnology.

To approve the draft letter of the Russian side (is attached)*.

To entrust to the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade, upon reaching an agreement with the American side, to carry out in the name of the Russian government an exchange of letters, creating the essence of the above-mentioned agreement, having permitted it in case of necessity to incorporate into the attached draft changes coordinated with the Ministry of Agriculture not bearing the principle character.

Chairman of the Government of the Russian Federation M. Fradkov draft letter is not shown.

Order on Plant Inspections

Order dated November 14, 2006 No. 1560-P "About the Conclusion of an Agreement Between the Government of the Russian Federation with Government of the United States Regarding Plant Inspections."

In conformity with paragraph 1 of Article 11 of the federal law "International Agreements of the Russian Federation" by the present we accept an offer by the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade, coordinated with Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Agriculture, preliminarily coordinated with the American government, about a conclusion by way of exchange of letters, an agreement between Russian government and the U.S. government on plant inspections.

To approve the draft letter of the Russian side (is attached)*.

To entrust to the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade, upon reaching an agreement with the American side, to carry out in the name of the Russian government an exchange of

letters, creating the essence of the above-mentioned agreement, having permitted it in case of necessity to incorporate into the attached draft changes coordinated with the Ministry of Agriculture not bearing the principle character.

Chairman of the Government of the Russian Federation M. Fradkov

* draft letter is not shown.

Order on Beef Trade

Order dated November 14, 2006 No. 1561-P "About the Conclusion of an Agreement Between the Government of the Russian Federation with the Government of the United States Regarding Beef Trade."

In conformity with paragraph 1 of Article 11 of the federal law "International Agreements of the Russian Federation" by the present we accept an offer by the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade, coordinated with Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Agriculture, preliminarily coordinated with the American government, about a conclusion by way of exchange of letters, an agreement between Russian government and the U.S. government on beef trade.

To approve the draft letter of the Russian side (is attached)*.

To entrust to the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade, upon reaching an agreement with the American side, to carry out in the name of the Russian government an exchange of letters, creating the essence of the above-mentioned agreement, having permitted it in case of necessity to incorporate into the attached draft changes coordinated with the Ministry of Agriculture not bearing the principle character.

Chairman of the Government of the Russian Federation M. Fradkov

* draft letter is not shown.

Order on Pork Trade

Order dated November 14, 2006 No. 1562-P "About the Conclusion of an Agreement Between the Government of the Russian Federation with the Government of the United States Regarding Pork Trade".

In conformity with paragraph 1 of Article 11 of the federal law "International Agreements of the Russian Federation" by the present we accept an offer by the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade, coordinated with Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Agriculture, preliminarily coordinated with the American government, about a conclusion by way of exchange of letters, an agreement between Russian government and the U.S. government on pork trade.

To approve the draft letter of the Russian side (is attached)*.

To entrust to the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade, upon reaching an agreement with the American side, to carry out in the name of the Russian government an exchange of letters, creating the essence of the above-mentioned agreement, having permitted it in case of necessity to incorporate into the attached draft changes coordinated with the Ministry of Agriculture not bearing the principle character.

Chairman of the Government of the Russian Federation M. Fradkov

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End Translation.

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